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**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

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In the Matter of )

WEST CENTRAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. )

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

and )

ARVIG ENTERPRISES, INC )

Application for Authorization Pursuant to )  
Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, )  
as amended, for Transfer of Control )  
of WETEC, LLC dba Unitel Communications )

**APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL**

West Central Technologies, Inc. ("West Central" or "Transferor") and Arvig Enterprises, Inc. ("Arvig" or "Transferee") (collectively, West Central and Arvig are "Applicants" herein), each currently hold 50% of the membership interests in WETEC, LLC dba Unitel Communications ("WETEC"). Arvig and WETEC (collectively, "Applicants"), by their undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214 (the "Act"), and Section 63.04 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or the "Commission"), 47 C.F.R. § 63.04, hereby request authority to transfer control of WETEC to Arvig through Arvig's purchase of the entirety of West Central's ownership interest, rendering Arvig the sole owner of WETEC. Following the consummation of the proposed transaction, WETEC will continue to provide service to its

customers as a wholly owned subsidiary of Arvig. As demonstrated herein, the public interest will be served by the proposed transaction.

Pursuant to Section 63.04(a) of the Commission's rules, the Applicants provide the following information in support of this transaction:

**(1) Applicants' Name, Address and Telephone Number**

**Transferor:** West Central Technologies, Inc.  
209 Minnesota Ave West  
PO Box 304  
Sebeka, MN 56477

Telephone: 218 837 5151  
Facsimile: 218 837 5001

**Transferee:** Arvig Enterprises, Inc.  
160 Second Ave., S.W.  
Perham, MN 56573

Telephone: 218 346 5500  
Facsimile: 218 346 8829

**(2) State of Organization**

Each Applicant is organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

**(3) Contact Information**

All correspondence, notices and inquiries regarding this transaction should be addressed to:

**Transferor:** Bruce Kinnunen  
President  
West Central Technologies, Inc.  
209 Minnesota Ave West  
PO Box 304  
Sebeka, MN 56477

Telephone: 218 837 5151  
Facsimile: 218 837 5001

**Transferee:** David R. Arvig  
VP & COO  
Arvig Enterprises, Inc.  
160 Second Ave., S.W.  
Perham, MN 56573

Telephone: 218 346 5500  
Facsimile: 218 346 8829

**Copies of all correspondence, notices, and inquiries should also be addressed to:**

Sylvia Lesse  
Communications Advisory Counsel, LLC  
2154 Wisconsin Avenue  
Washington, DC 20007  
Telephone: (202) 333-5273  
Facsimile: (202) 333-5274

Cecilia M. Ray  
Moss & Barnett  
4800 Wells Fargo Center  
90 South Seventh Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
Telephone: (612) 347-0300  
Facsimile: (202) 339-6686

**(4) Ten percent (10%) Equity Shareholders:**

**Transferor:**

**West Central Technologies, Inc.**

West Central Technologies, Inc., a diversified telecommunications company, is wholly owned by West Central Telephone Association, (a Minnesota cooperative), a company providing a variety of telecommunications services. As a member-owned cooperative, no person owns or controls 10% or more of the interests of the company. The cooperative may be reached at the address provided above for West Central Technologies, Inc.

**Transferee:**

**Arvig Enterprises, Inc.**

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Percentage Ownership</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Principal Business</b>
Allen R. Arvig Arvig Enterprises, Inc. 150 Second Ave., SW Perham, MN 56573	35.75% (voting common stock)	USA	Telecom
Donna M. Ward Arvig Enterprises, Inc. 150 Second Ave., SW Perham, MN 56573	21.09% (voting common stock)	USA	Telecom
Marvin S. Ward, Successor Trustee, Eleanor M. Arvig Revocable Trust U/A dated November 24, 1995 Arvig Enterprises, Inc. 150 Second Ave., SW Perham, MN 56573	99.8% (non-voting preferred)	USA	Telecom

No other person or entity holds 10% or greater interest in Arvig Enterprises, Inc.

**(5) Certification Pursuant to Rules 1.2001-1.2003**

Applicants hereby certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003, that to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief, no party to the Application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

**(6) Description of the Transaction**

Arvig proposes the purchase of all WETEC membership interests currently held by West Central, resulting in Arvig's 100% ownership of WETEC. The parties contemplate the continuation of WETEC's provision of competitive local and long distance services to customers in a transparent fashion.

**(7) Geographic Description**

Applicant WETEC is a non-dominant competitive carrier providing local exchange and local access services, together with long distance services, in and around Park Rapids, Minnesota, wholly within the incumbent service area of Qwest Communications. WETEC also provides cable television and internet services within this service area.

**(8) Streamlined Treatment**

Although not entitled to the regulatory presumption of applicability of the streamlined procedures pursuant to Sections 63.03(b)(2)(ii) and (iii) because WETEC's competitive service territory abuts existing Arvig exchanges, all other aspects of the proposed transaction meet the standards for streamlined treatment. Accordingly, the parties request expedited consideration of the proposed transaction.

At the close of the transaction, Arvig, together with all of its affiliates, will have a less than 10% share of the interstate, interexchange market<sup>1</sup> and the competitive services of WETEC are provided wholly within the incumbent service territory of Qwest Communications, a dominant local exchange carrier not a party to the proposed transaction. In response to the

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<sup>1</sup> Arvig offers local exchange and exchange access service to the Minnesota exchanges of Akeley, Battle Lake, Bejou, Bertha, Bluffton, Butler, Callaway, Cass Lake, Clitherall, Deer Creek, Dent, Detroit Lakes, Evergreen, Flom, Gary, Hawley, Henning, Hewitt, Longville, Mahnomen, Maine, Naytahwaush, Nevis, New York Mills, Nisswa, Ogema, Osage, Ottertail, Perham, Ponsford, Richville, Richwood, Rochert, Snellman, Syre, Staples, Tulaby, Twin Valley, Ulen, Vergas, Wadena, Walker, Waubun, Whipholt, and White Earth. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Midwest Telephone Co., local exchange and exchange access service is provided to the Minnesota exchanges of Eagle Bend, Miltona, Parkers Prairie and Urbank. In addition, Arvig's wholly-owned subsidiary, The Peoples Telephone Co. of Bigfork, provides local exchange and exchange access service to the Minnesota exchanges of Bigfork and Marcell, and its wholly-owned subsidiary Osakis Telephone Company serves the single exchange of Osakis. Long distance service is also offered in these exchanges.

provisions of Section 63.03(b)(2)(ii), Applicants report that WETEC is a non-dominant carrier, providing services exclusively outside the geographic area of the dominant service areas of Transferee Arvig and its affiliates. WETEC's service area is also exclusively outside the dominant service area of Transferor West Central and its affiliates.

In response to the provisions of Section 63.03(b)(2)(ii), Applicants report that Arvig and its affiliates, together with WETEC, have fewer than two (2) percent of the nation's subscriber lines. Additionally, there are no overlapping service areas as among Arvig and its affiliates, West Central and its affiliates.<sup>2</sup>.

**(9) Other Related Applications before the Commission**

Applicants will file an application for Transfer of Control of WETEC's International Section 214 Authority. WETEC has no radio licenses.

**(10) Statement of Imminent Business Failure**

No party to this application is subject to imminent business failure.

**(11) Separately Filed Waiver Requests**

None

**(12) Public Interest Statement**


Upon consummation of the proposed transaction, WETEC will continue to provide high quality telecommunications, cable and information service to its current subscribers in a manner that will be transparent to them. The proposed transfer serves the public interest and authority to complete the transaction should be duly granted. *In re Application of Western Union*

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<sup>2</sup> West Central's parent, West Central Telephone Association, provides incumbent telephone services to the Minnesota exchanges of Wadena, Sebeka, Menahega and Verndale. Other than through its current ownership interest in WETEC, West Central does not provide exchange or exchange access services.

**DECLARATION OF \_\_\_\_\_**

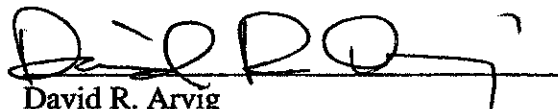
I, Bruce Kinnunen, President of West Central Technologies, Inc., do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing Application for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for Transfer of Control of WETEC, LLC dba Unitel Communications, and that the facts stated therein are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
[name]

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

# DECLARATION OF DAVID R. ARVIG

I, David R. Arvig, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Arvig Enterprises, Inc., do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing Application for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for Transfer of Control of WETEC, LLC dba Unitel Communications, and that the facts stated therein are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
David R. Arvig

Dated: 1-13-06



## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sylvia Lesse, of Communications Advisory Counsel, LLC, do hereby verify that on this twenty-third day of January, 2006, I caused to be sent via First Class US Mail, postage prepaid, the foregoing "APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL" to the following:

The Hon. Tim Pawlenty  
Office of the Governor  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

US Department of Defense  
Assistant Secretary of Defense for C31  
100 Defense Pentagon, Room 3E712  
Washington, DC 20301-1000

US Department of State  
EB/CIP/SCA  
Room 4826  
2001 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

  
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Sylvia Lesse

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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT I, <u>Sylvia Lesse</u> , certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing and supporting information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.			
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